59.	Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi	50
60.	Government of Gujarat	7
61.	Government of Himachal Pradesh	1
62.	Government of Haryana	9
63.	Government of Karnataka	1
64.	Government of Kerala	1
65.	Government of Maharashtra	5
66.	Government of Madhya Pradesh	10
67.	Government of Orissa	2
68.	Government of Punjab	3
69.	Government of Rajasthan	10
70.	Government of Tamil Nadu	8
71.	Government of Uttar Pradesh	166
72.	Government of West Bengal	5
73.	Ministry of External Affairs	20
74.	Department of Food Processing Industries	1
75.	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	35
76.	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	18
77.	Ministry of Labour	39
78.	Ministry of Textiles	3
79.	Ministry of Urban Development	13
80.	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	1
81.	Ministry of Water Resources	8
82.	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	24
83.	New Delhi Municipal Council	6
84.	Planning Commission	4
85.	Rajya Sabha Secretariat	1
86.	Union Public Service Commission	1
	TOTAL:	1007

Revision of OTA

1601. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether after implementation of Fifth Central Pay Commission's recommendations, Government have decided to continue the *status quo* in regard of payment of O.T.A. in Central Government Offices, subject to a review of the matter to make the eligibility for OTA more restrictive and commensurate with the interests of Government work;

(b) if so, whether Government have since reviewed the matter; and

(c) if not, by when Government propose to review the same and what will be the pay in the revised scale of pay upto which a non-gazetted employees are eligible for payment of OTA who are detained after office hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Payment of OTA to the employees continues to be made as per the existing orders on the basis of notional pay upto Rs. 2200 in the pre-revised scales of pay under the CCS (Revised Pay) Rules, 1986.

Promotion of Assistants under in-situ Scheme

1602. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government during the years 1998 and 1999, have promoted Section Officers and Under Secretaries of the Central Secretariat Services to the next higher grade under in-situ scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering on the same analogy to promote Assistants of C.S.S. to their next higher grade *i.e.* to the post of Section Officer;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether this will not tentamount to discrimination with these officers; and

(d) if so, by when they are likely to be promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (d) Owing to protracted litigation in CAT and Supreme Court on *inter-se* seniority of Section Officers, panels of CSS officers for promotion to Under Secretary (US) and Deputy Secretary (DS) levels could not be finalised after 1986 for US and after 1993 for DS. This resulted in acute stagnation in the grades of Section Officers/ Under Secretaries. Following Supreme Court's directions dated May 9, 1997, a Common Seniority List of Section Officers was notified on 3.12.1997.